

KARO-ECHO Membership Meeting

May 9, 2022

In person and via Zoom

Attendees

In person:

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV
Annette McCoubrey	KJ6SWK
Hal Graboske	KK6NDF
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY
Martha Richards	K6ELO
Curt Smith	KM6HFT

Via Zoom:

Don Simon	NI6A
Susan Yeaman	KN6CMR
Blake Yeaman	KN6CMP
Diane Richwine	KK6RED
David Swanson	KJ6AAT
Karen Leong Fenton	KK6ZPM
Jay Fenton	KJ6WSS
Jerry Michaels	K6KOP
Michael Gold	AJ6RZ
Katie Carney	KN6APB

Agenda:

Call to order/logistics

- Introductions
- Approval of Minutes
- Approval of Agenda
- Treasurer's report

Training and Operations

- April 30th SET discussion
 - Operation from EOC
 - Digital activity

New business

- Acknowledgement of KARO ECHO in new El Cerrito Emergency Operations Plan

- Calendar of Events / 25th Anniversary
 - 2022 Field Day June 25
 - Field Day planning to follow early close of meeting ~8pm
 - EC July 4th
 - Submit application to Recreation Dept

Old business

- MOU update
 - Positive feedback, but probably have to wait for new Fire Chief

Outreach/PR/web

- KE hats/vests

Tech./Infrastructure

- Equipment maintenance team report
 - Repair of EOC coax and radio/antenna test
- New antennas and patch boxes
 - No progress yet, but ready to proceed
 - Consideration of freestanding versus building mount

Elmering

- requests to elmer@karoecho.net

Neighborhood nets and Comm. hubs

- 1st Wed., reports

Adjourn ~8pm to start Field Day planning meeting (anyone can attend)

Meeting called to order.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the April meeting minutes.

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Training session

SET review

- There were 14 check-ins.
- About 20 messages were passed, some were digital, some FLdigi and some packet.
- Tactical call signs were used effectively.
- A Kensington neighborhood net group was active in the exercise.
- We were able to have access to the El Cerrito City Hall EOC for this SET.
- Contacting CERT leaders and class graduates has not had any results recently and was not done this time but still should be tried for Field Day and for the next SET.
- When to use a formal message form and when to use a general announcement was discussed.

Business session

New business/Calendar of events

El Cerrito Emergency Operations Plan

- El Cerrito adopted an Emergency Operations Plan but it still referred to EBARC as the emergency communication organization. This was brought to their attention and the wording will be corrected.

Field Day

- A Field Day planning session was held after the membership meeting.

Old business

MOU

- There has been positive feedback to the MOU but we don't know if it will be signed before or after the new fire chief is in place.

Outreach

- Blake and Susan have had KARO-ECHO hats and vests made which are available for sale.

Technical / Infrastructure / Maintenance

- With access to the El Cerrito City Hall for the SET, the frayed patch cable was replaced.
- We had hoped to install additional antennas and patchboxes in city park locations but we haven't been able to do that yet.
- Whether to install a permanent antenna mast to a clubhouse building or to provide for a free standing antenna mast to be set up as needed was discussed.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting.